

Horse Give-away

A free horse is available to a 4-H member who can provide a good home. The horse is a gentle Quarter Horse mare, 15 hands, and is bay/roan in color. She can be a tough loader and could go lame if ridden hard due to a past hoof condition. But she will make a good pleasure horse. Interested 4-Hers must submit an essay/letter detailing why they would like to receive the horse, how it would benefit their 4-H project, and the facilities available for housing. Turn your letter into the 4-H office by April 9th and the horse committee will determine the winner.

Poop for Paws Service Project

"Poop for Paws" is an area project being conducted in conjunction with National and Global Youth Service Day where volunteers will be picking up dog poop on April 21 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Participants may solicit sponsors to pledge any dollar amount (or penny amount) for every pound of dog poop picked up. The money will go to Heart of the Valley Animal Shelter (not associated with the Human Society of the United States).

Five parks are being identified for pick up and will be announced soon. Participants will meet at the Boys and Girls Club at 1:00 to get materials and assignments. After the cleanup, there will be snacks and activities for the participants. There will also be prizes for the teams that picked up the most poop and a raffle for everyone. Organizations throughout Bozeman are encouraged to have some kind of interactive activity for the youth. For more information, contact Katie McKeown from the Montana Conservation Corps at 587-4475 or email at katie@mtcorps.org.

Equine Law and Liability Workshop - Understand and manage the legal risk of equine activities

This workshop will be held at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds on June 2-3, 2007. Topics to be covered will include: Policy and Procedures, Providing a Safe Ride, Understanding Insurance Coverage, and Negligence Laws and the Equine Activities Statutes in Montana. Registration fee is \$150.00 and must be received by May 25, 2007. Contact the 4-H office for scholarships available to help offset the cost of the workshop. Registration form is available at the Extension Office.

International Programs Update:

Thanks to our great Regional International Coordinators, we have managed to place about 15-16 of the 26 Japanese students and chaperones coming to Montana this summer. Coordinators in 3 regions are working hard to find more families, but could use some help. If you have an interest in hosting a Japanese student or chaperone from July 21-August 19, please contact one of the coordinators listed below, the 4-H Center for Youth Development (994-3502) or your County Extension office. Youth delegates range in age from 12-18 and are placed with families who have children the same gender as and who are within two years of age of the delegate they host. Most needed are families with boys.

In addition to the summer exchange, we need three families that are willing to host a year-long high-school student; we have two Japanese students coming (male, female) and one FLEX student (gender unknown at this point). Families hosting high-school students need not have similar aged children (or children at all, although it is a benefit).

Finally, we have 4-6 IFYEs coming. These older youth (20-26) are coming from Austria (2), Germany (1), Ireland (1), and possibly England and/or Australia. Hosting times vary so please contact Stephanie at 994-3502 for more information.

4-H CAMP COUNSELOR IN TRAINING (CIT)

This is your first step toward becoming a Jr. Leader and Camp Counselor Note: Last Years CIT's must reapply. Due to limited space available for CIT's at 4-H Camp, only the most qualified applicants will be selected. Those not selected may still come to camp, but as a camper, not a CIT. The Counselor in Training (CIT) will carry out the same responsibilities as the Counselor; however, they will work with a Counselor. The Counselors plan the 4-H Camp program with the assistance of the Counselors in Training, Camp Manager, and the County Extension Agent. All are responsible for selecting the program topics, and arranging the speakers, equipment or other materials needed for camp. Each Counselor and CIT will be responsible for specific responsibilities in the pre-planning stages of camp and at camp itself. As part of the Leadership Team, the Counselor and CIT shares in the overall responsibility for the success of camp – the learning, safety, and fun. If you are interested in becoming a CIT, you must have completed the 8th grade by the date of camp. You must also turn in a completed application to Gallatin County 4-H by **April 16, 2007**. Selections will be made within a few weeks after the deadline. **Pick up your application at the 4-H Office at 201 West Madison, Suite 300 in Belgrade (just east of the Lee & Dad's shopping center). Camp for Jr. Leaders is June 17-22, 2007.**

